



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of Draft Environmental Impact Report Announcement of PUBLIC HEARING for Improvements to Route 1: Pitkins Curve/Rain Rocks

### WHERE AND WHEN?

**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2006  
**Time:** Open House from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
With a brief presentation at 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Big Sur Lodge (Conference Room)  
Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park  
47225 Highway 1,  
Big Sur, CA, 93920

**Date:** Wednesday, March 22, 2006  
**Time:** Open House from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
With a brief presentation at 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Cambria Veteran's Hall  
1000 Main Street,  
Cambria, CA, 93428

### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing long-term improvements to the reliability and safety of Highway 1 at the Pitkins Curve/ Rain Rocks location, which has a history of slope instability and costly road closures. The project is located near Lucia and Limekiln Creek on the Big Sur coast highway between postmiles 21.3 and 21.6. Significant impacts to the project area's visual qualities are anticipated as a result of the project. The project will not adversely affect the activities, features or attributes of State Parks property (a 49 USC 303 Section 4(f) property) and a finding of de minimis impact is anticipated.

### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has completed an analysis of the effects this project may have on the environment and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report detailing these studies. This ad provides notification of the availability of the draft environmental document and the date and location of the public hearing. The public hearing will be held to answer questions and to formally record comments related to the project, its alternatives, the impacts, and proposed mitigation.

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Starting February 19, 2006, the "Highway 1 Improvements at Pitkins Curve and Rain Rocks Draft Environmental Impact Report" will be available at the Caltrans district office at 50 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. The document will also be available for review at:

- Big Sur Library, Highway 1, Big Sur, CA 93920
- Monterey City Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940
- San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- Online at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/pitkins\\_deir](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/pitkins_deir)

Copies of the environmental document, design details, photo simulations and environmental impact studies will also be available at the public hearing.

### WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Caltrans is providing an opportunity for you to learn about the proposed project and to review and comment on the project alternatives. If the project is of interest to you, please review the environmental document. If you want further information, attend the public hearing. If you have concerns you would like to share with us, please provide written comments to Caltrans NO LATER THAN April 7, 2006 Attn: Wendy Waldron, 50 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. You can also submit comments via email to: [wendy\\_waldron@dot.ca.gov](mailto:wendy_waldron@dot.ca.gov). Comments can also be submitted at the public hearing to a court reporter or in written form.

### CONTACT

For more information, or to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, contact Wendy Waldron at (805) 549-3118 or email her at [wendy\\_waldron@dot.ca.gov](mailto:wendy_waldron@dot.ca.gov). For other State Highway projects, please contact Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318.

### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled open house date. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922.

